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## Letter dated 22 January 2004 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1519 (2003), adopted by the Security Council on 16 December 2003, concerning Somalia. In paragraph 2 of the resolution, the Security Council requested me to establish a Monitoring Group composed of up to four experts, for a period of 6 months, commencing as soon as possible from the date of the adoption of the resolution, to be based in Nairobi, with the mandate referred to in subparagraphs 2 (a) through (f), which should focus on the ongoing arms embargo violations, including transfers of ammunition, single use weapons and small arms.

Accordingly, I wish to inform you that, after consultation with the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia, I have appointed the following experts:

1. Mr. Melvin E. Holt, Jr. (United States of America)
2. Mr. Li Changsheng (China)
3. Mr. John E. Tambi (Sierra Leone)
4. Mr. Joel Salek (Colombia)

I should be grateful if you would bring this information to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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